

Senator Bayh on Lie Detectors
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Sir:

I also noticed the attached clip from The Boston Globe. I am not necessarily surprised that Senator Bayh adopts this position but I am pleased to note the exemption he would give the CIA and NSA.

There was an interesting coincidence of time with this news release. Earlier in the day, before either Frank Carlucci or myself had seen this news clip, we all had a dry run with him in preparation for his confirmation hearing. One of the questions I put to him was to state his position on the use of the polygraph by CIA. His answer, which was acceptable to all around the table, was, in essence, that the technique was not infallible but had certainly proved its worth and that he supported its retention.

I am asking OLC to keep us apprised on developments concerning Senator Bayh's proposed bill.

/s/ Jack

John F. Blake

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IN BRIEF

Bayh on lie detectors

WASHINGTON — Lie-detector tests are unreliable and should not be used to screen job applicants, Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) said yesterday. Bayh, who is sponsoring legislation to ban polygraph tests by most employers, called their use "police-state treatment contrary to a free society." Bayh's bill would prohibit private employers and federal agencies, except for the CIA and the National Security Agency, from administering lie detector tests to either job applicants or employees suspected of wrongdoing.

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Remarks: <p>The attached copy of a note from me to the Director is for your information. Would you please be good enough to keep us posted on developments concerning Senator Bayh's bill.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  John F. Blake </div>					
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